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**METHOD FOR RECORDING DATA FRESHNESS DEGREES  
BY A TAPE DRIVE**

the specification of which:

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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